

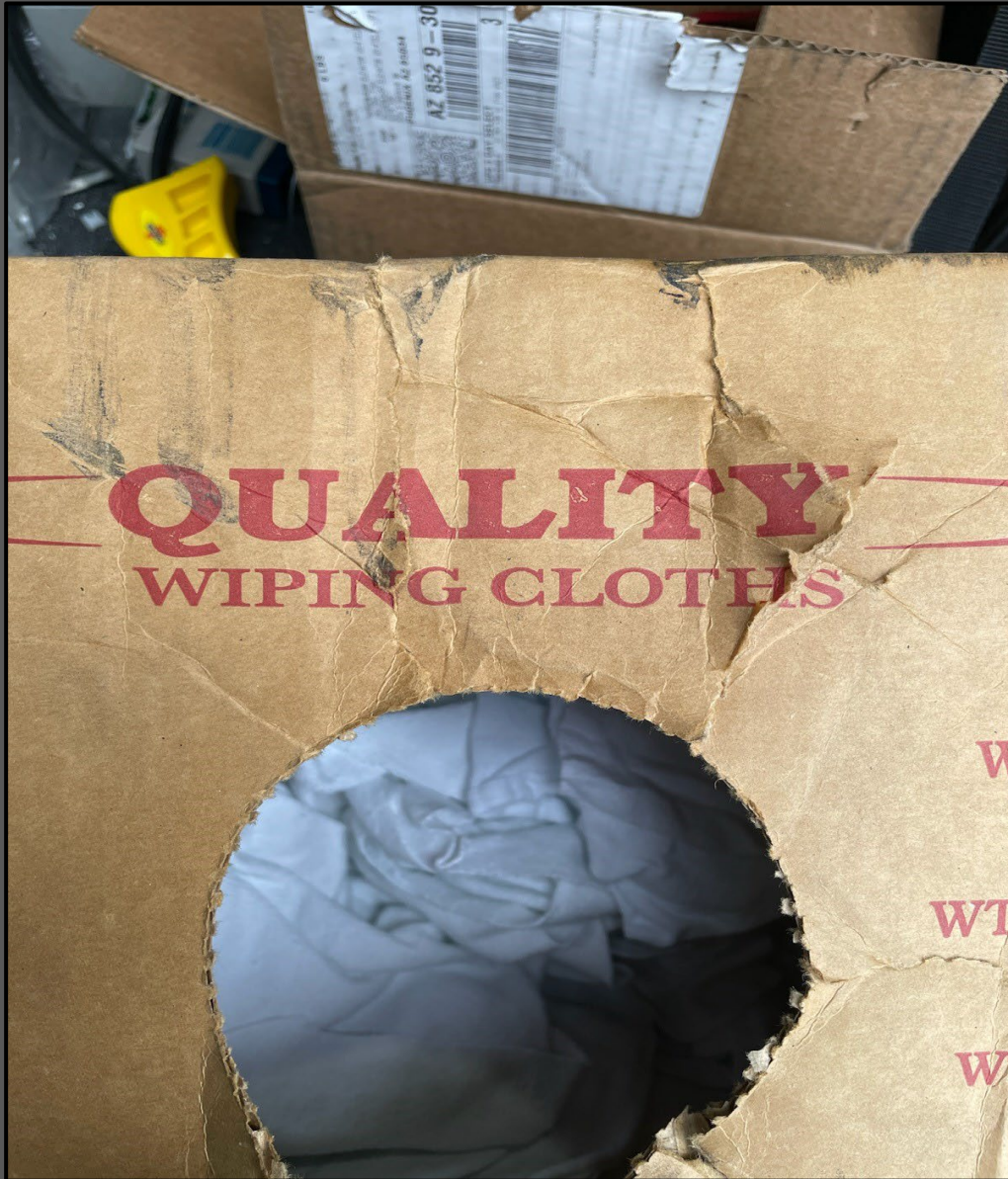


IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS, INJURY

“CLOSE CALL-BIO-HAZARD”

April 28th 2023---IUEC Safety Stand Down Day



Description of Incident

Control Type: Electric

Machine Type: Geared

Speed: FPM

Capacity: Unknown

Rise: Unknown

Hoistway Configuration: Unknown

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- A modernization crew was in the process of replacing a geared traction machine
 - The crew was cleaning up and getting ready to go on break. The mechanic had oil soak through his gloves and removed them. He reached into a rag box to get a clean rag to wipe his hands. The mechanic felt something hard inside the box and when he pulled it out, he found it was a used IV tube with dried blood inside.
 - The mechanic immediately reported the situation to his safety manager. He was instructed to go to Concentra and begin the process of being tested for exposure to blood borne pathogens. At Concentra, he had blood work done and returned to work while he is awaiting the results. The mechanic is not certain he was stuck by the needle.
 - The rags came from Quality Rags LLC out of Houston. The local office notified all field mechanics and instructed them to dispose of any boxes of rags they had in their vans or job sites.



Recommendations and Lessons Learned

Always follow the company safety policy, always perform a JHA/JSA and remember the OSH act of 1970 - General Duty Clause:

SEC.5.Duties

(a) Each employer

- (1) Shall furnish to each of his employees' employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.
- (2) Shall comply with occupational safety and health standards promulgated under this Act.

(b) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to this Act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct.

- **For a complete review of Bloodborne pathogens you can Google [OSHA.GOV](https://www.osha.gov)**

- **Next go to standards, then Laws and Regulations. Scroll down to [General Industry](#)**

- **In the search bar enter [1910.1030](#) this will take you to [Bloodborne Pathogens](#)**



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RAGS LLC



WHITE COTTON RAGS

White Cotton Rags are an all purpose cleaning rag that's generally more absorbent than other cleaning rags. White cotton rags and wipers come in either a 25 lb or 50 lb box.



Recommendations and Lessons Learned



1910.1030 Bloodborne pathogens

- (1) Exposure control plan [1910.1030(c)(1)]
 - (i) Each employer having an employee(s) with occupational exposure as defined by paragraph (b) of this section shall establish a written Exposure Control Plan designed to eliminate or minimize employee exposure. [1910.1030(c)(1)(i)]
 - (ii) The exposure Control Plan shall contain at least the following elements.
 - (A) The exposure determination required by paragraph (c)(2)
- (2) Exposure determination.
 - (i) Each employer who has employee(s) with occupational exposure as defined by paragraph (b) of this section shall prepare an exposure determination. This exposure determination shall contain the following:
 - [A] A list of all job classifications in which all employees in those job classifications have occupational exposure;
 - [B] A list of job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure, and
 - [C] A list of all tasks and procedures or groups of closely related task and procedures in which occupational exposure occurs and that are performed by employees in job classifications listed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(2)(i)(B) of this standard.
 - (ii) This exposure determination shall be made without regard to the use of personal protective equipment.